

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 416  
By Rigsby

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. William R. Scharber  
for 50 years of meritorious service to the  
Winchester Fire Department.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Mr. William R. Scharber is one such remarkable public servant, a voice of integrity in the firefighting profession; and

WHEREAS, a Winchester native, Bobby Scharber joined the city's fire department in 1945 as a volunteer, and through hard work and dedication became chief of the department. During his tenure there he has proven to be a valuable asset to the community; and

WHEREAS, through the years Mr. Scharber has found time to lend his considerable talents as an active member of the Tennessee Fireman's Association; the Tennessee State Fire Chief's Association, the International Association of Arson Investigators; the National Fire Protection Association; the International Association of Fire Chiefs, of which he has represented Tennessee on the International Board for the past 10 years and is currently the state vice-president; and the Southern Building Code Congress International, serving on that august body's fire code committee. He also is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Winchester Rotary Club, where he serves as chairperson for Operation Noel to raise money to purchase toys for underprivileged children; and

WHEREAS, throughout his excellent service as a member of the department, William Scharber has adhered to the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds, Mr. Scharber is highly regarded as a professional and friend in Winchester and is as dependable and honest as the day is long; and

WHEREAS, firefighting is a family tradition for Mr. Scharber. When he was a child, his father Ed, along with uncles Sam and Bill Scharber were all volunteer fireman. His Uncle Sam served with the fire department until he was 80 years old. Mr. Scharber had the distinct honor of serving in the fire department with his own father for 20 years. At one time, Mr. Scharber served as a fireman with his three brothers, father, two uncles, a son and nephew; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Scharber is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his family, including his wife, June; two sons, Ricky and Scotty; two sisters, and three brothers; and

WHEREAS, he is the perfect example of a person totally committed to family and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. William R. Scharber for meritorious service to the City of Winchester and salute him for his commitment to his profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.